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Redevelopment of the Kane and Lombard Street Drums Site Baltimore, Maryland

Where there was once a Superfund site in Baltimore, MD, there is now a golf driving range, which not only



brings economic benefits to the area, but also provides the social and cultural benefits of a family-oriented, recreational facility. The 30-tee, 250-yard driving range opened in 1999, attracting lunchtime and evening golf enthusiasts from downtown Baltimore, as well as golfers from all over the city.

The Kane and Lombard Street Drums site was part of an open dump where demolition, municipal, and industrial wastes were disposed between 1962

and 1984. Nearby are industrial, commercial, and residential areas, and a large medical center, as well as an adjacent high school. In 1984, EPA completed an emergency removal of 1200 drums containing flammable solids, and one which contained PCBs. The site was listed on the National Priorities List in 1986.



Several investors approached EPA about purchasing and redeveloping the site. Because of the site's close proximity to the Baltimore business district, Double Eagle Enterprises wanted to build a range that could be open after business hours. After EPA determined that a driving range would not jeopardize the cleanup, construction began and the driving range opened for business in 1999, expanding recreational opportunities for local residents. According to Double Eagle owner Richard Sandza, "The EPA says I am their poster boy."

Positive Economic and Fiscal Impacts

- Approximately 4 on-site jobs at the driving range
- Approximately \$54,000 in income from on-site jobs in 2002
- Over \$200,000 in increased property values on the site from 1983 to 2002
- Over \$75,000,000 in increased property values within 2,000 feet of the site
- Approximately \$1,800,000 in increased property tax revenue for Baltimore City and the state of Maryland in 2002

Environmental and Social Benefits

- Protected human health and the environment by removing contaminated drums from the site
- Improved aesthetic value of the local landscape
- Expanded local residents' recreational opportunities